three years were as under:—

(Qty. in lakh bales)

Year	Production	Consumption
		(Mill and non Mill)
1989 90	135.75	111.00
1990 91	117.00	115.50
1991 92	119.00	111.09
1992 93	130.00	120.00

EXPORTS

Year	Qty. released	Qty. exported
1989 90	14.81	13.71
1990 91	13.57	11.90
1991 92	1.30	0.77
1992 93	17.855	11.927 (till 27th July, 93)

(d) Yes. Sir, due to deficiencies is ginning and pressing of cotton higher levels of contamination are found in Indian Cotton.

(e) It is difficult to give the exact number of farmers cultivating cotton as they are well-spread and scattered. However the approximate number is estimated to be around 7.5 to 8 million.

(f) Yes, Sir. According to a study made by the Indian Cotton Mills Federation (ICMF) in May, 1993, the export of one lakh bales of raw cotton would yield foreign exchange earnings of Rs. 60 crores. If the same quantity is used in making yarn and that yarn is exported it would fetch Rs. 119 crores and the corresponding earnings of foreign exchange by exporting cotton fabrics and cotton garments would be Rs. 150 crores and Rs. 400-500 crores respectively.

(g) No, Sir.

(h) Does not arise.

Loss suffered by NTC

2710. SHRI MOHD. KHALEELUR RAHMAN:
SHRI G. G. SWELL:
SHRI P. UPENDRA:
SHRIMATI MIRA DAS:
SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to refer to the answer to

Unstarred Questions 1030 and 1035 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 3rd August, 1993 and state:

(a) whether it is a fact that NTC's accumulated loss has gone up around Rs. 2600 crores;

(b) whether it is a fact that NTC is paying around Rs. 100 crores as wages to thousands of workers who are idle due to closure or partial closure of mills,; if so, what are the numbers of workers who get non-performance wages;

(c) whether the loss of cash of NTC mils would increase of decrease if idle workers are put to work again; please give details or one illustration;

(d) what are the number of beneficiaries of VRS in NTC and what is the surplus number;

(e) whether it is a fact that Government has waived Rs. 1100 crores interrst.

(f) whether Government has decided in consultation with trade unions, to sell surplus land of NTC; if so, what are the details;

(g) whether NTC lost in 1990-91 Rs. 192 crores and in 1991-92, Rs. 442 crores and cash loss from Rs. 108 crores to Rs. 331 crores; and

(h) why Government has not marked a model co-operative scheme for worker's co-operative so that they may understand their role in co-operative scheme?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI G. VENKAT SWAMY): (a) The accumulated net loss of NTC mills stood at the level of Rs. 2757.27 crores (Provisional) as on 31-3-1993.

(b) NTC is paying approx. Rs. 107 crores per annum as idle wages to 34323 employees.

(c) The cash losses of most of the mills of NTC would reduce with increase in capacity utilisation.

(d) 79982 officers, staff and workers of NTC has been estimated as surplus as on 22.9.1992, out of whom 29655 officers, staff and workers had availed of VRS as on 10-8-1993.

(e) Government have waived interest payment of Rs. 113.66 crores and granted interest subsidy of Rs. 1048.89 crores on the loans given to NTC.

(f) Yes, Sir. NTC proposes to sell its surplus land in accordance with prescribed procedures to raise resources for the modernisation of its mills etc.

(g) NTC incurred cash loss of Rs. 150.76 crores, Rs. 235.48 crores and Rs. 330.69 crores in 1990-91, 1991-92 and 1992-93 respectively and net loss of *191.58 crores, Rs. 313.93 crores and Rs. 441.60 crores in 1990-91, 1991-92 and 1992-93, (Provisional) respectively.

(h) Government are willing to extend their support to any viable proposal for cooperativisation of NTC mills in consent with all parties concerned. Such proposals would have to be worked out on a mill to mill basis keeping in view the performance and requirement etc of each mill.

Ban on Chinese Silk

2711. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Government propose to put a ban on the import of upgraded Chinese Silk;

(b) if so, whether the Indigenous Silk Industry is in doldrums due to import of Chinese Silk;

(c) if so, by when a ban on the import of Chinese Silk would be enforced; and